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Ravalli County Commissioners

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FWP Lands Bureau
P.O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Mr. Zackheim:

Thank you for providing a draft of the Brow Valley Ranch conservation easement to be located east of Florence, Montana along Three Mile Road. The document outlines goals and policies that are in keeping with the Ravalli County Growth Policy, and provides for the protection and enhancement of both the human and natural resources associated with the property and in the Bitterroot Valley. Preserving open lands, wildlife habitat, big game winter range, and working agricultural practices for the benefit of future generations is of great importance.

Please note that, although division of the Land for residential uses is prohibited within the draft easement you provided, Section 4-5-3 of the Ravalli County Subdivision Regulations may apply to a division of the Land for agricultural uses.

Additionally, please be aware that there may be other local, state, or federal regulations which might apply to this property. Please consider adding a general statement within the easement document indicating that other regulations may be applicable.

We will be happy to map the area and include it in our Conservation Easement database as soon as you inform us that the easement has been filed.

Thank you for working with Brown Valley Ranch to protect the resources outlined in the draft easement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Hughes".

Karen Hughes

cc: Ravalli County Planning Board
Ravalli County Board of County Commissioners